(b) if so, the names of the cities where the said facility is likely to be introduced;

(c) whether the said facility will be cheaper than courier and foreign mail; and

(d) by when the E-Mail facilities are likely to be introduced in all the small and big cities of country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no proposal to introduce a facility of distributing E-mail tellers through Post Offices.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) There is no proposal at present to introduce such a facility.

Transfer criteria in MTNL

† 2595. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) at details of those Accounts Officers and Sub-Divisional and Divisional Engineers of Delhi and Mumbai Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited who are working at the same place/office for more than five years;

(b) whether Department has formulated any rules for transfer;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for not following the transfer rules; and

(e) by when those officers will be transferred who are working at the same place/office for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Details in respect of MTNL are given below:

	Account Officers (AOs)	Sub Divisional Engineers (SDEs)	Divisional Engineers (DEs)
Delhi	08	205	29
Mumbai	10	404	61

(b) and (c) The transfer of officers is being done by MTNL after a stay of six years.

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(d) Rotational transfer in respect of officers are being effected periodically. The last rotational transfer in case of DEs was effected in May, 2000. In case of SDEs, the last rotational transfer was done in December, 1998. Transfer in cadre of SDEs could not be done due to non availability of technology trained officers for replacement in the units like transmission and installation. Also due to the process of calling of options for Group A&B officers by MTNL about 60 SDEs have already been transferred and 100 more have applied for transfer out of MTNL, Mumbai. This has reduced the manpower of SDEs in important areas and hence, MTNL could not rotate the SDE within MTNL, Mumbai since 1999.

(c) Action is already in progress for transfer of officers during the current year of 2001.

Sub-letting of P and T Quarters

† 2596. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenants are living in 80 per cent Government quarters in Delhi/New Delhi allotted by MahanagarTelephone Nigam Limited, General Manager (NTR), Department of Posts and Central Telegraph Offices situated in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Building Section of Chief General Manager (NTR) conducts raids from time to time and vacates the tenants whereas the Building Section of MTNL, Postal and CTO, New Delhi, does not take, similar steps and which results in keeping on the tenants;

(c) whether Government would take action for the eviction of the tenants from the said Government quarters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OFSTATEINTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) To investigate complaints about unauthorized subletting of Government quarters by the allottees in P&T Colonies surprise checks were carried out by team of officers from Building Section and Vigilance Department of NTR in October, 1998 and July, 2000. About 4% quarters in the surpirse check during October, 1998 and 30% quarters during surprise check during July, 2000 were found to be unauthorisedly sublet.

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